

Kansas Air Quality Regulations:

Ten Common Violations Observed During Onsite Facility Inspections

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Many Kansas businesses have operations that produce air emissions that are regulated by the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the Kansas Air Quality Act and Regulations. These regulations set equipment and process limitations to control the emission of air pollutants from various facilities. Kansas air quality control field inspectors perform more than 1275 routine inspections and complaint investigations each year to determine compliance with Kansas Air Quality Control Statutes and Regulations. We would like to share their experience with you, and encourage you to consider this information in self-audits. The following are ten common regulatory violations observed during inspections:

1. Required reports, records and logs not maintained onsite and available for inspectors' review.
2. Failure to perform required equipment and process monitoring, related to reduction of air pollutant emissions.
3. Failure to obtain a required Air Emission Source Construction Permit or Approval prior to the certain construction or modifications at a facility.
4. Failure to obtain a required Air Emission Source Operating Permit prior to regulatory due dates.
5. Failure to conduct required air emission source testing (performance testing) to demonstrate compliance with applicable air regulations, prior to due date for compliance.
6. Failure to install, maintain or operate required air pollution control equipment.
7. Illegal open burning of waste materials, including such tires, building demolition wastes, and commercial and industrial wastes.
8. Exceeding visible emissions limitations, set by opacity readings, as set within air permit conditions and air emission control regulations.
9. Emission of regulated air pollutants in excess of limitations set within air permits and air emission limitation regulations, measured in pounds per hour or tons per year.
10. Violation of requirements set forth in an enforcement action against the facility.

All facility environmental coordinators should take a few minutes to review their air quality permits and regulatory requirements. If you do have questions, please contact the air program at (785) 296-6422.